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TAGS: CASC(PHILIPPINE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI)

SUBJECT: W/W AMERICAN NATIONALS IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

1. DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVING INCREASING REQUESTS FROM PRIVATE CITIZENS, CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES, ETC. REGARDING WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF AMCITS IN PHILIPPINES. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISING THAT NO WORD ON AMERICAN CASUALTIES YET RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY PER REFTEL.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN COLLECTING NAMES OF QUOTE MISSING UNQUOTE AMCITS AND NOK TO BE NOTIFIED, BUT HAS THUS FAR DELAYED SENDING THEM TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IN EFFORT TO MINIMIZE WORKLOAD AT THIS POINT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT GENERAL INFORMATION WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE TO ALLAY CONCERN OF PERSONS INQUIRING AFTER AMCITS IN AFFECTED AREA.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER AMCITS IN AFFECTED AREA HAVE ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO ADVISE PARTIES HERE OF SAFETY, OR WHEN SUCH COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT EXPECT TO BECOME AVAILABLE.

5. WE ARE RECEIVING PERSISTENT STORIES REGARDING QUOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSING UNQUOTE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES ON MINDANAO,

NUMBERING FROM 15 TO 30 DEPENDING ON WHOSE RUMOR YOU
HEAR. WOULD APPRECIATE SOME FIRM DATA ON THIS PARTICULAR
SITUATION.

6. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE STEPS RECOMMENDED BY GOP TO LOCATE
QUOTE MISSING UNQUOTE PHILIPPINE NATIONALS SINCE THESE
INQUIRIES ARE ALSO NUMEROUS.

7. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY IS READY TO RECEIVE LIST
OF QUOTE MISSING UNQUOTE AMCITS. KISSINGER

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